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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Kirsten S. Apple

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 July 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 50-75 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 50-75 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

EXAMINERS RESPONSE

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The Examiner has read and reviewed all of the information provided by the Applicant.

The examiner rejects as final claims 50-75 under 35 USC 103.

The Applicant attention is re-drawn to the following:

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(b) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 50-75 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Best ("Implementing Value at Risk" by Philip Best).

Re claim 50 & 63: Best discloses:

A method & system for managing risk having a first and second risk factor (see Best, page 1, line 1), comprising:

Receiving a financial transaction (see Best, page 105, "individual asset")

Transferring first risk factor to a first risk book (see Best, Figure 5.1 "identify risk factors")

Re claim 51 & 64: Best discloses:

Transferring second risk factor to a second risk book (see Best, Figure 5.1 "identify risk factors")

Receiving another financial transaction (see Best, page 105, "individual asset")

Repeat steps (see above references)

Re claim 52 & 65: Best discloses:

First risk factor = interest rate risk + first risk book = interest rate risk book (see Best, page 111, "interest rate risk")

Re claim 53 & 66: Best discloses:

Second risk factor = FX risk + second risk book = FX (foreign exchange) risk book (see Best, page 105, "foreign exchange rate")

Re claim 54 & 67: Best discloses:

A method for managing risk:

A-Receiving the individual financial transaction (see Best, page 13, line 1, "interest rate" is a financial transaction)

B-Performing a respective hedging transaction that removes a respective risk factor(s) from the received transaction (See Best, page 4, "hedging parameters")

C-Assigning respective hedging transaction to a respective risk book associated with respective risk factor (see Best, page 13, "hedged")

Re claim 55 & 68: Best discloses:

Repeating steps b-c for further risk factors (see above)

Re claim 56 & 57 & 59 & 69 & 70 & 71: Best discloses:

Risk factor = interest rate risk + risk book = interest rate risk book (see Best, page 111, "interest rate risk")

Re claim 60 & 72: Best discloses:

Risk factor = interest rate risk + risk book = interest rate risk book (see Best, page 111, "interest rate risk")

Re claim 61 & 73: Best discloses:

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Financial transaction = FX forward contract between a first currency and a second currency

FX forward contract having a delivery date (see Best, page 28, "foreign exchange option", note an option by definition has a delivery date)

Transferring first risk factor includes:

borrowing money in first currency to be payable on delivery date (see Best, page 28, "worked example")

Depositing money in second currency to be received on delivery date (see Best, page 28, "worked example")

Steps of transferring second risk factor includes:

Executing a spot transaction between first currency and second currency (see best, Page 28 "worked example")

Re claim 62 & 74: Best discloses:

Financial transaction – gold lease having a delivery date and providing periodic interest payments in a first currency (see Best, page 105, "such as the price of gold")

Step of transferring first risk factor include steps of:

Executing a zero-coupon gold deposit to be payable on delivery date (see Best, page 105, "use zero coupon yield curves")

Steps of transferring second risk factor include steps of:

Executing a note being due on delivery date, note requiring periodic interest payments to be made in first currency (see Best, page 105, "use zero coupon yield curves")

Executing zero-coupon loan in first currency to be paid on delivery date (see Best, page 105, "use zero coupon yield curves")

Step of transferring third risk factor includes steps of:

Executing a spot transaction between first currency and second currency (see Best, page 105, "use zero coupon yield curves")

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 7/19/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In particular, and respect to Claim 1 the Applicant argued 1st: "Best discloses no specific methods or systems that enable a money manager or institution to manage the risk factors it identifies."

The Examiner refutes the argument made by the Applicant and draws the attention to Best, page 13, line 2 which clearly teaches a method of enabling a money manager to manage the risk factor.

Applicants argued 2nd, "Best had no teaching of performing respective hedging transaction to stop out respective risk factors associated therewith."

The Examiner refutes the argument made by the Applicant and draws the attention to The Examiner refutes the argument made by the Applicant and draws the attention to Best, page 13, line 2 which clearly teaches "interest rate risk... would normally be hedged through US\$ funding." In addition see Best, page 4, "hedging parameters"

The examiner would also like to note while Best is an excellent source for information about managing risk and hedging this is a well know concept in Finance and would be referenced in numerous books and articles prior to the date of this application.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kirsten S. Apple whose telephone number is 571.272.5588. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 571-272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-6126.

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